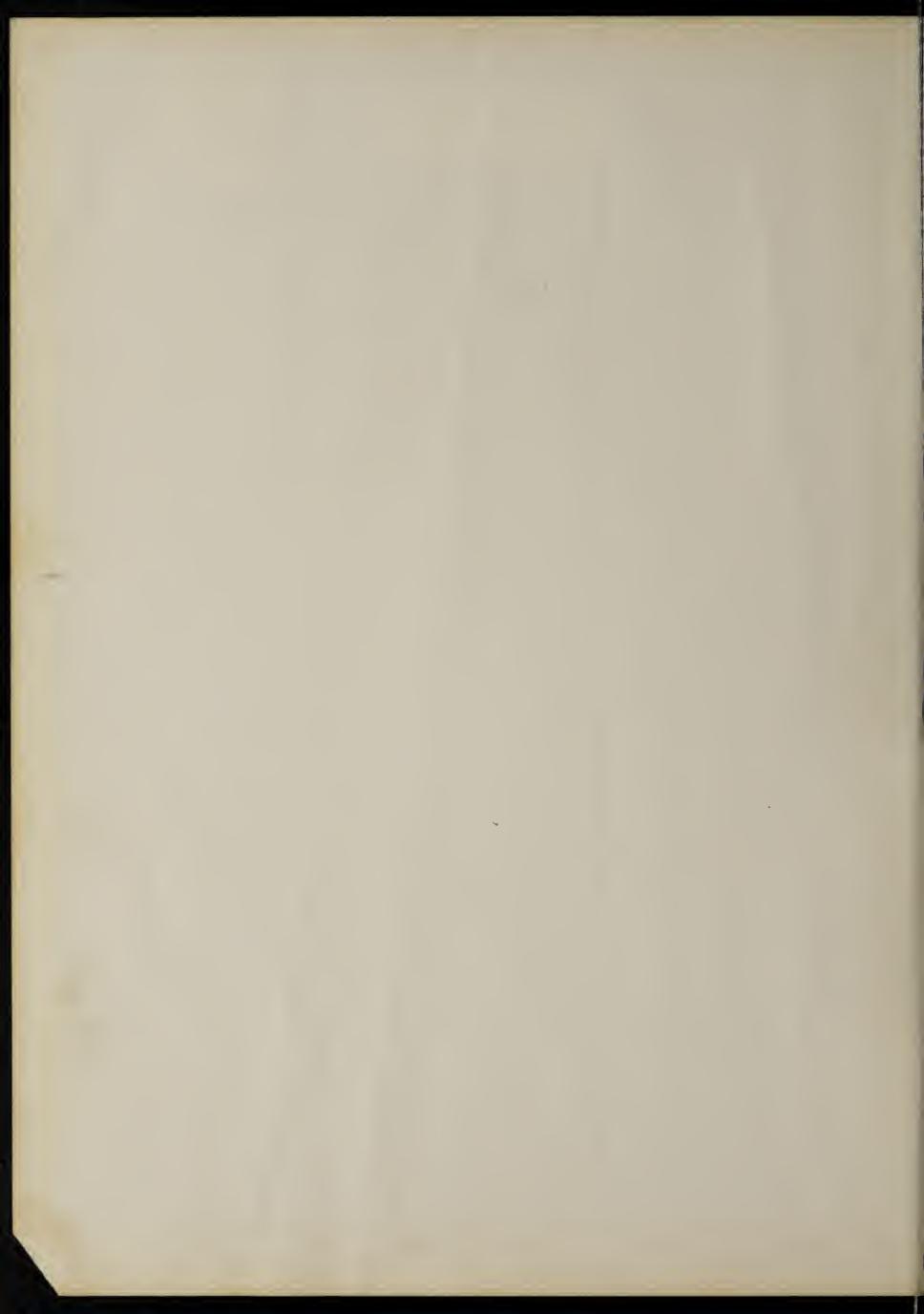


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Left Column—Sophomore Chicago Trip. Nearly class time!

Middle Column—Just a group. Phil's car and accessories. Hitched? ?

Right Column—Popular car??

FOREWORD

We bring to you this book of the school activities for the year 1954-1955. We hope we have been able to make the year live again for you, and that in years to come, leafing through this Ravelings, will bring back many happy memories of your school days.









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FACULTY

Superintendent
Principal
School Board
Secretaries
Teachers











Superintendent

W. Guy Brown City Superintendent

Secretaries

Miss Iverna Werling Secy. to Mr. Brown

Mrs. Vera Doty Secy. to Mr. Andrews







Principal

Hugh J. Andrews High School Principal



School Board

Harry O. Irwin, Pres.; Supt. Brown; George D. Helm, Treas.; Everett Hutker, Secy.

Faculty

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Mathematics and Testing

Hugh M. Cobb Commerce and English





Harry D. Dailey Science and Mathematics

Deane T. Dorwin

Social Studies and Guidance









Helen Haubold Vocal Music Kathryn A. Kauffman

Art





Roberta O. Ludy
Home Economics
M. Eleanor Pumphrey
Librarian





Charlotte Vera
Latin and English
Cathryn E. Weidler
English





Rebecca Walters Worthman Girls' Physical Education

Sylvester L. Everhart Physical Ed. and Driver Training

Maynard Hetrick Commercial

William H. Journay Vocational Agriculture and Biology





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Shop and Mechanical Drawing

Clint E. Reed Band





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George W. Stallings
Science and Mathematics





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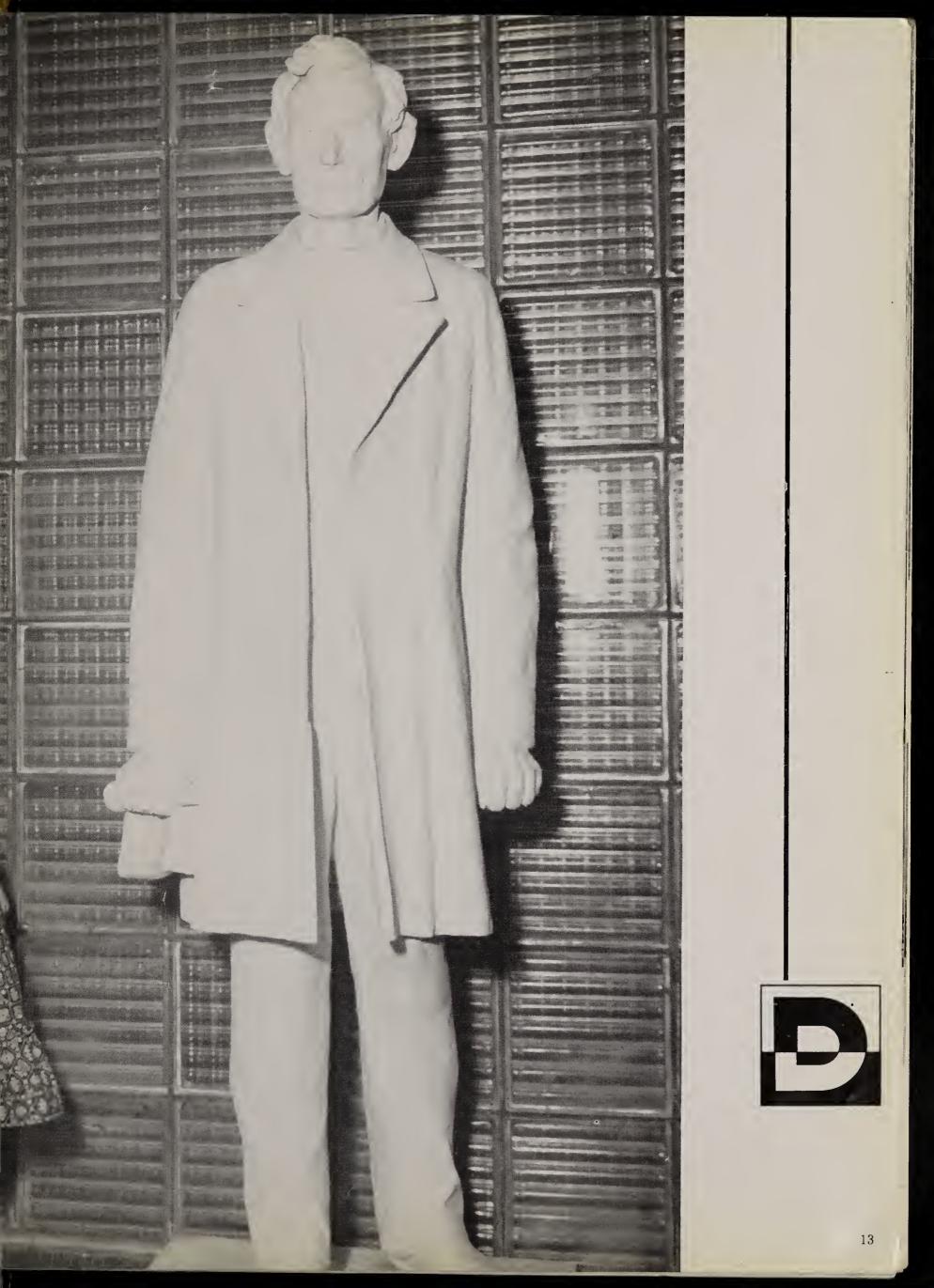




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Senior Class officers: president, Dana Dalzell; vice-president, Fred McDougal; secretary, Anita Smith; treasurer, Stanley Allison

Seniors

The first activity of the senior class of '55 was to elect officers. Dana Dalzell was elected president; Fred McDougal, vice-president; Anita Smith, secretary; and Stanley Allison, treasurer. The first activity which the seniors sponsored was the Student Day Sale. With the help and co-operation of the whole student body, the senior class made more money this year than any other senior class has ever made. Many students also received permanent jobs from this project.

After the first home football game the seniors sponsored a dance in the gym. During the basketball season the seniors also sponsored a dance called the "Senior Sno-Ball."

During the fall the seniors visited the Court House as part of their citizenship training. The duties of the various county officials were explained to them and they also saw the grand jury receive its charge from the judge.

In February a trip was taken to Indianapolis where they saw the state legislature in action. The tour through the State House added much in making the trip interesting, as well as educational.

Many seniors took part in the operetta, "Harmony Hall," which everyone agreed was a success.

One of the high-lights of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom. The Juniors did a wonderful job of planning and decorating around the theme, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." They made the Prom something that all the seniors will remember for a long time as one of the outstanding events of their high school career.

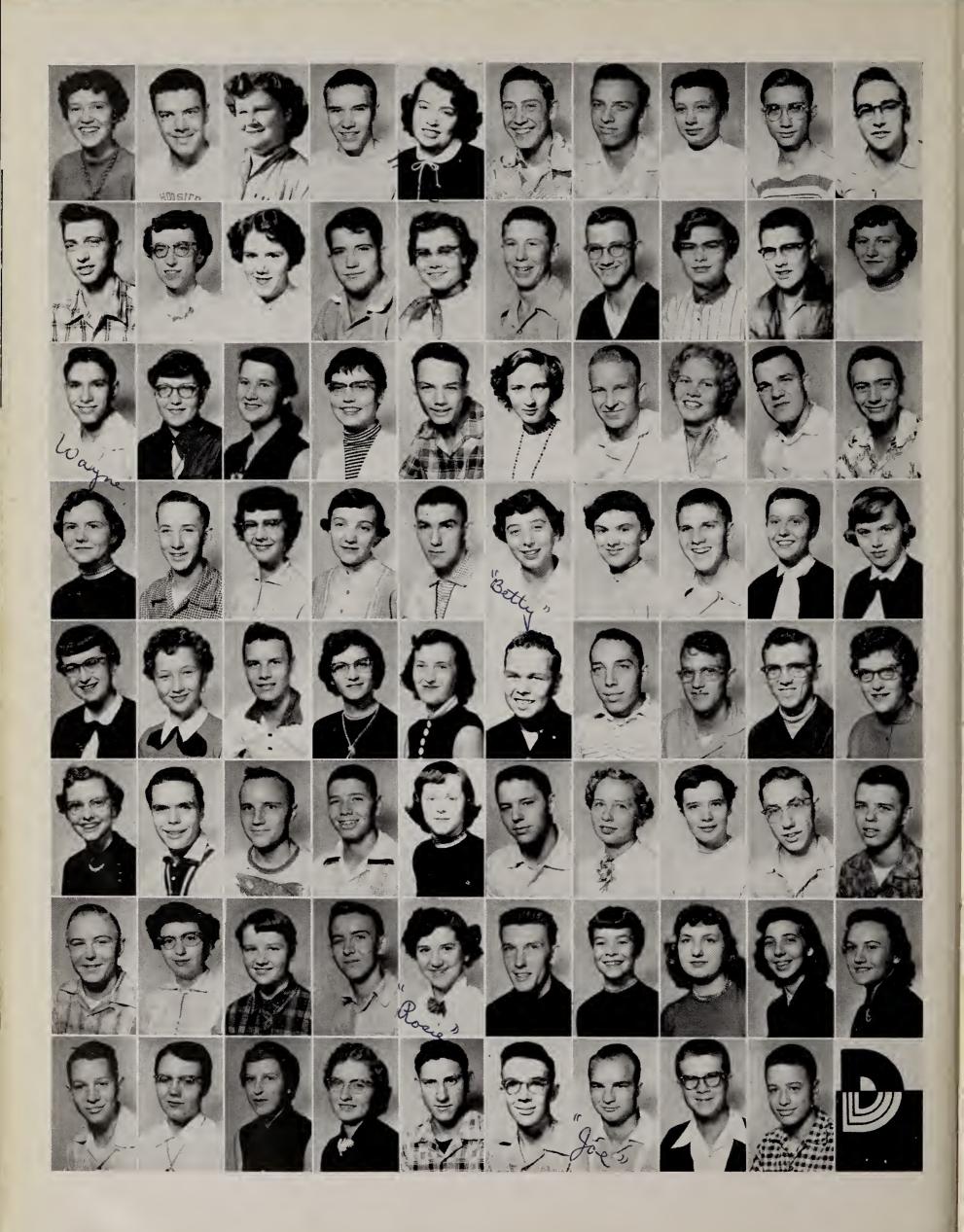
Baccalaureate services were held on May 22 with Reverend Virgil W. Sexton of the Methodist Church giving the message.

The Senior Banquet was held on May 23. Everyone had a good time dressing up as a secret desire or ambition.

The final event of the year and the event towards which the seniors had been moving all year was Commencement. Dr. Harold W. Richardson, president of Franklin College, gave a wonderful speech, and then Mr. Irwin presented the seniors with their diplomas. The Commencement dance followed after graduation. After the dance entertainment was provided throughout the night by various civic organizations.

Each senior has many wonderful memories, not only of his senior year, but of his whole high school career at Decatur High. It is a heritage to be proud of and work for.





Row 1: Carolyn Aumann, Thomas Aurand, Sharon Baker, Michael Beery, Myra Black, Alan Bogner, Jim Bowman Leah Brandyberry, Don Brewer, Wayne Brunner.

Row 2: James Butcher, Joyce Callow, Nancy Cole, Jon Corey, Janet Courtney, Dan Cowans, Phil De-Bolt, Marlene Dellinger, David Ellsworth, Gladys Ewell.

Row 3: Wayne Flora, Marilyn Foor, Sara Frank, Judy Franz, Arlen Fuelling, Ruth Girod, Tom Grimm, Mildred Grote, Roger Hawkins, Harry Hebble.

Row 4: Barbara Heller, Dwight Hoffman, Deanna Johnson, Judy Keller, Robert Keller, Betty Knavel, Sharon Kreischer, Dan Krueckeberg, Janet Lane, Luanne Lehman.

Row 5: Judy Locke, Georgeanna Mc-Bride, Leroy Martin, Sondra May, Sylvia Mazelin, Donald Moser, Terry Murphy, Max Myers, Jim Osterloh, Beverly Poling.

Row 6: Linda Pollock, Tom Rambo, Dicky Raver, Robert Rawley, Mary Rentz, Bill Roth, Helen Roth, Jeanine Schultz, Dan Shackley, Jim Sheets.

Row 7: Dan Simerman, Lorna Smith, Mary Jane Smith, Harold Sommer, Rosemary Strahm, Roger Strickler, Mara Dee Striker, Joyce Sudduth, Dorcas Suman, Marlene Thieme.

Row 8: Ralph Thomas, Ruth Townsend, Donna Venis, Shirley Wass, Rex Werst, Walter Werst, Vergil Wolfe, Larry Worden, William Zwick.



President, Bill Roth; treasurer, Sharon Kreischer; secretary, Marlene Thieme; vice-pres., Jim Osterloh.



Last fall the Junior Class elected the following officers to represent them in 1955:

President: Bill Roth

Secretary: Marlene Thieme Treasurer: Sharon Kreischer Sponsor: Miss Weidler

The Juniors sponsored two after-game dances; one during the football season and one during the basketball season. Both were very successful and a lot of fun.

Perhaps the class trip to Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Canada, was one of the biggest high-lights of our junior year. We went by bus and had an educational as well as an exciting time. Mr. Worthman, Mr. Dorwin and Miss Weidler

accompanied us.

The Juniors have been very active in the various organizations here at D. H. S. Their name will be found in such organizations as the Choir, Commercial Club, Art Club, the F. F. A. and F. H. A., and the Speech department. Joyce Callow brought honor to our class by winning several speech contests. Many juniors boys are active members of the "D" Club. Terry Murphy and Rocky Strickler were members of this year's Varsity basketball team. A good percentage of the juniors are listed on the Honor Roll, so we are active in scholastics as well as in extra-curricular activities.

The Juniors ended their school activities as a class by entertaining the seniors at the Junior Prom on May 13. It was a really beautiful dance and one of the big social highlights of 1955.



Row 1: Dewayne Agler, Stanley Alger, Karen Sue Allison, Jack Aurand, Jack Barlett, Carolyn Sue Bassett, Gene Baxter, Edwin Bean, Helen Bollinger, Sara Brunnegraph.

Row 2: Phyllis Mae Byrd, John Cole, Peter Dalzell, <u>Max Daniels</u>, Sharon Debolt, Judy Dedolph, John Dorwin, Connie Douglas, Sherian Drake, Robert Durbin.

Row 3: Betsy Embler, Elaine Evans, Gloria Fugate, Linda Gambsy, Ronnie Garner, Mary Lou Gaunt, Judy Gephart, Katherine Goelz, Jay Gould, Sharon Gray.

Row 4: Kenneth Hawkins, Ronnie Hesher, James Hullinger, Sharon Idlewine, Helen Irwin, Joyce Irwin, John Isch, Marilyn Jefferies, Robert Johnson, Jerry Kaehr.

Row 5: Tony Kelly, Stanley Kirkpatrick, James Klenk, Alice Krueckeberg, Jack Ladd, Dennis Lobsiger, Mary Ellen Longerbone, Charles Luhman, Twannette Magley, Sharon Marbach.

Row 6: Janet McKean, Sharon Michaud, Virginia Miller, Rosita Osborne, Beverly Patrick, Don Peterson, James Plasterer, Sue Petrie, Chalmer Reinking, Sandra Reynolds.

Row 7: Vera Roop, Jerry Rumple, Rita Runyon, Madge Scheiderer, Paul Schmidt, Fred Schott, Carolyn Wiegmann, Robert Wenger, Ellen Welch, Loraine Walters.

Row 8: Ted Schrock, Charles Shaffer, Kathryn Shaffer, Beverly Singer, Donna Kay Small, Larry Smith, William Smith, Thomas Smith, Glen Strickler, Larry Strickler.

Row 9: Barbara Suttles, Lulubelle Swygart, LaVerne Thieme, Dale Troutner, Jane Uhrick, Kenneth VanHorn, Kent Varner, Virginia Vetter.



President, Jay Gould; secretary, Linda Gamsby; treasurer, Gloria Fugate; vice-president, Paul Schmidt.



On September 8, eighty-eight brand new Sophomores clamored up the steps of D. H. S. Can you believe it? I said sophomores!

Before we could do anything else, we elected officers. They are Jay Gould, president; Paul Schmidt, vice-president; Linda Gamsby, secretary; and Gloria Fugate, treasurer. Mr. Cobb was elected our sponsor this year. The delegates to the Student Council were Sherian Drake, Twannette Magley, and Jay Gould.

This year we had the honor and distinction of being the first class to have its class dues collected.

The school elected a sophomore, Barbara Suttles, as one of the second team cheerleaders.

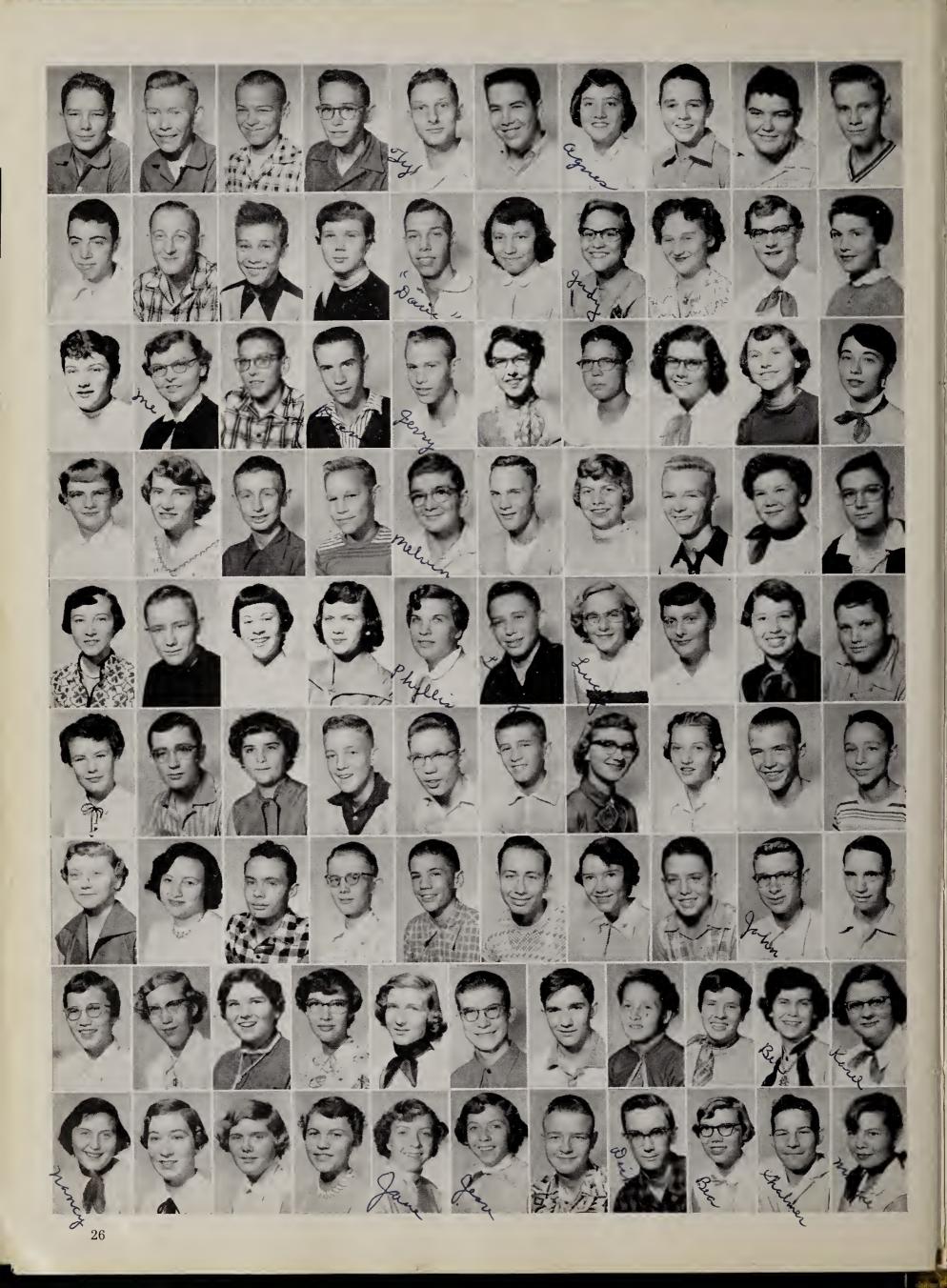
We were very well represented on all of the athletic teams this year.

Last fall we opened our activities by sponsoring a dance, which was very successful.

As is the custom, we went to Chicago for a tour of some of the highlights. We were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Everyone had a very wonderful time.

During the 1954-55 school year we averaged about 12 students on the honor roll each six weeks.

Eight boys and eight girls had another inspiring adventure, serving at the Prom.



Row 1: Phil Adams, David Andrews, Jerry Bailer, Ralph Bailer, Raymond Ballard, Bob Banks, Agnes Barlett, Norman Bassett, Dick Baumann, James Baumgartner.

Row 2: Gordon Black, Don Blankenbaker, Larady Brown, Barbara Brunnegraff, David Butcher, Rosa Canales, Judy Carpenter, Virginia Castle, Kathy Cole, Rosie Conrad.

Row 3: Susan Custer, Kay Debolt, Wilbur Dersch, David Eichenauer, Jerry Fell, Nancy Fisher, Peter Fisher, Carolyn Frauhiger, Dianne Fulton, Nancy Gaskill.

Row 4: Susan Gerber, Jane Grimm, John Hahn, Scott Halterman, Melvin Hanni, John Hebble, Susan Heller, Ted Hutker, Karen Jefferies, Dann Johnson.

Row 5: Joann Jones, Barney Kaehr, Barbara Kalver, Donna Kinerk, Phyllis Kiser, Larry Klenk, Lucille Knittle, Judy Lane, Gretchen Lankenau, Richard Leming.

Row 6: Alicia Levy, Fred Locke, Alice McAnelly, Phil McDonald, Jack Macklin, Clarence May, Judy Melchi, Donna Miller, Larry Moses, Pat Nelson.

Row 7: Linda Norris, Jean Nunn, Phil Rambo, Glen Rekeweg, Lanny Ross, Ivan Roth, Ramona Rousseau, Garry Sheets, John Sheets, Richard Simerman.

Row 8: Janalee Smith, Joyce Smith, Judy Smith, Joyce Smitley, Jane Stiverson, Tom Strickler, Don Sudduth, Jewel Sudduth, Emily Swearingen, Beverly Thieme, Karel Thieme.

Row 9: Nancy Titus, Ann Uhrick, Marilou Uhrick, Kaye Varner, Jane Wass, Jean Wass, Mike Wittwer, Richard Wolfcale, Beatrice Wolfe, Chalmer Wolfe, Marjorie Wolfe.



President, Dave Eichenauer; secretary, Susan Heller; treasurer, Emily Swearingen; vice-president, Larry Moses.



On September 7, 1954, eighty-eight freshmen enrolled in D.H.S. Soon after the beginning of the school year our class officers were elected. They were: president, David Eichenauer; vice-president, Larry Moses; secretary, Susie Heller; treasurer, Emily Swearingen. We also elected our class sponsor, Mr. Zerkel, a new teacher in our school.

The Student Council had the following representatives from the freshman class: John Hebble, Jane Wass, and David Eichenauer.

Rosie Conrad, Susie Heller and Emily Swearingen were three of the four girls elected as the yell leaders of the second team.

Several of the boys received football letters for participating in freshman football.

The Freshman Basketball team had a good year, and the highlight of the season was the winning of the tourney at Bluffton and bringing home a trophy.

Many of our class are members of the honor roll, and we are very proud of them.

We had the pleasure of sponsoring two dances this year—"The Harvest Moon" during the football season and "Sectional Swing" following the basketball season.

Several students in the Latin I class received certificates and pins for making perfect scores on their tests.



Row 1: Sharon Alverson, Ted Anderson, Larry Andrews, Cheryl Ashbaucher, Jerry Baumann, Ned Baumgartner, Connie Baxter, Jane Bedwell, Michael Beery, Jim Bleeke.

Row 2: Bill Bracey, Betsy Burk, Jim Burk, Jacquelin Burke, Larry Butler, Vernon Call, Richard Canales, Ivan Chrisman, Nicky Conrad, Jim Corah.

Row 3: Karen Corey, Bill Courtney, Gayle Custer, Larry Daniels, Steven Dellinger, Ann Dyer, Steve Edwards, Sara Eichenauer, Scarlett Feasel, John Fell.

Row 4: Ronnie Feller, Jon Foor, Pat Franklin, Larry Fravel, Rita Gantz, Patty Girod, <u>Robert Hart</u>, Nancy Hawkins, Elaine Heare, Harold Hirschey.

Row 5: Terry Holtsberry, Judy Hott, Patsy Hullinger, Linda Jackson, Bill Jacobs, Darlene Kaehr, Mary Alice Kneuss, Ann Kocher, Carol Koenig, Janice Kreischer.

Row 6: Gene Krick, John Krueckeberg, Naomi Ladd, Kathryn Lough, Steven Lytle, John Paul McAhren, Ann McDonald, Jim McDonald, Jaralee Magsamen, Ronnie Martz.

Row 7: Tim Murphy, David Myers, Ralph Osborne, Patty Osterloh, Leroy Ratliff, Judy Rhodes, Larry Ritter, Gary Robinson, Karen Robinson, Jerry Scheiman.

Row 8: Phyllis Schmidt, Kathleen Schultz, Patsy Shaffer, Roy Sharpe, Jr., Naomi Sheets, Sharron Sheets, Bob Shraluka, Deanna Small, Betty Smith, Lynn Smith.

Row 9: Brenda Sommer, Judy Stauffer, Carolyn Taylor, David Van-Horn, Tony Vergara, Gloria Wall, LaVonne Wegener.



President, John Krueckeberg; vice-president, Jim Corah; secretary, Jerry Scheimen; treasurer, Bob Shraluka.



Today we eighth graders made our second appearance in the halls of good old D. H. S.

We were off like a herd of turtles in electing our officers. For president we chose John Krueckeberg; vice-president, Jim Corah; secretary, Jerry Scheiman; and treasurer, Bob Shraluka.

This year the eighth grade student council members are John Krueckeberg, Steve Edwards, and Betsy Burk. We know they will do a good job.

The Jr. High basketball team has done very well in winning the city and county championships this year. The eighth grade team members are Jim Corah, Pat Franklin, Tony Vergara, Bob Shraluka, Terry Holtsberry, Richard Canales, Steve Dellinger, and Danny Costello. The cheer leaders are Cheryl Ashbaucher, Gloria Wall, Karen Robinson, and Kathleen Schultz.

It has been a very good year for all of us, and we hope we are all back next year as Freshmen.



Row 1: Linda Andrews, Janice Aumann, Vickie Bailer, Herb Banning, Marie Barlett, Sandra Baumann, Larry Baumgartner, Elizabeth Bodkins, Marie Bodle, Judy Brown.

Row 2: Barbara Burk, Kathleen Burk, Steven Butcher, Karen Call, Joseph Chambers, David Clark, Elaine Cochran, Ronald Coen, John Cowans, Jack Dailey.

Row 3: Jay DeVoss, Philip Eley, Carl Elliott, Helen Elliott, Janet Fell, Roselyn Flora, Janet Foor, Robert Frauhiger, Bonnie Fulton, James Gay.

Row 4: Marjorie Goelz, <u>Jerry Hart,</u> Betty Haugk, Nancy Helm, Ronnie Highland, Larry Hill, Carol Hoffman, Cathy Houser, Kathryn Hullinger, Barbara Johnson.

Row 5: Michael Kaehr, Connie Kiess, Ronald Kiess, Steve Kinerk, Vance Krick, Charles Krueckeberg, Delores Longerbone, Sybil McAnelly, Lana McBride, Jerry McCagg.

Row 6: Jerry McIntosh, Donna Mc-Kean, Rebecca Maddox, Eleanor Miller, Jerry Miller, Carol Norquest, Kathy Patrick, James Reidenbach, Diane Rhodes, Bonnie Ritter.

Row 7: Ruth Roop, Mary Rousseau, Sara Runyon, Diane Sauers, Linda Schott, Deloris Schroeder, Linda Sexton, James Sharp, Carl Shaw, David Sheets.

Row 8: John Sheets, Betty Simerman, Margaret Slusher, Charlotte Smith, Joseph Smith, Paul Smith, Waldo Snyder, Etta Soliday, Patricia Sovine, Robert Springer.

Row 9: Carolyn Steele, Roger Stevens, Joan Stiverson, Cassandra Strickler, Gerald Swygart, Pamela Walters, Harley Wolfe, Kay Wynn, Amelia Zamora.



Jack Dailey, treasurer; Jim Reidenbach, president; Joe Smith, vice-president; Becky Maddox, secretary.



"Seventh grade at last," the eighty-seven ex-sixth graders are saying. "We're sure going to tackle those lessons hard this year."

We elected the following officers: president, Jim Reidenbach; vice-president, Joe Smith; secretary, Becky Maddox; treasurer, Jack Dailey.

Sports is the one thing that the boys are looking forward to. Football was the first sport last fall. We had two teams. Basketball was on the list next; we had four boys from the seventh grade to make the Junior Hi Team—Steve Kinerk, Jim Fay, Jay Devoss, and Jim Reidenbach. We have had a most successful season this year. We have won two trophies—the Bluffton Tournament Trophy and the City Series Trophy.

We have three members of the Student Council—Janice Aumann, Kay Wynn, and the president, Jim Reidenbach.

ORGANIZATIONS

"D" Club
Student Council
Ravelings Staff
Color Wheel
Choir
Band
F. H. A.
F. F. A.
Commercial Club









Treasurer, Dave Halterman; president, Jerry Bair; vice-president Ronnie Vetter.

"D" Club

At the first meeting of the "D" Club this year, the following officers were elected: President, Jerry Bair; Vice-President, Ron Vetter; Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Halterman.

Our first money raising activity was held at the Fall Festival in the gym. We sponsored a game booth which proved to be a big success. The next activity sponsored by the club was the selling of Yellow Jacket pins. The pins sold so well that after the first day there were very few left. We sponsored a dance after the Columbia City basketball game, which netted our treasury a fine profit.

The biggest event of the year was our annual "D" Club Banquet. We had a fine turnout of members, who with our many guests enjoyed a fine meal and an interesting talk by Jim Hinga, the former North Side coach.

We have enjoyed a successful year through the efforts of our president and the co-operation of our members.

Row 1, seated: Tony Kelly, Dan Krueckeberg, Terry Murphy, Bill Roth, Phil DeBolt, Harold Sommer,

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Row 2: Carl Lehrman, Harlen Shaffer, Ronnie Vetter, Erwin Meyers, Fred McDougal, Don Duff, Roger Eichenauer, David Embler, Jerry Rhodes, Stanley Allison.

Row 3: LeRoy Martin, Jim Bowman, Gene Baxter, Harry Hebble, Larry Worden, John Dorwin, Max Meyers, Joe Wolf, Walter Werst.

Row 4: Charles Judt, Phil Baker, Max Hilyard, Jerry Bair, John Neireiter, Bill Hancher, Dave Halterman, Paul, Ralston, Doyle Egly.



Student Council

The Student Council has certainly been an active organization in Decatur High School during this past year. The council's first activity was to elect officers. The president was John Hammond; vice-president, Roger Strickler; and secretary, Janice Hall. Two committees were appointed, one to check the halls, and the other to check the rooms. These committees chose the cleanest hall and room each week, and the winners were announced over the public address system. A committee also looked around the school for repair jobs, such as loose tiles, broken door-knobs, and other things. The council saw to it that these defects were straightened out.

During pep-sessions the members of the council stood at various doors and asked students who were leaving to stay for pep sessions. Almost everyone co-operated, and the cheering section really was behind the team as a result. The great improvement in the behavior of the students during assembly programs was due to the Student Council. A hall-monitor system was begun this year in order to have a record of who was in the hall during class periods, and also to greet visitors who came to the building.

The Student Council has played an important part in the school during this past year, and its influence will grow with each passing year.



Student Council Advisor: Amos Ketchum



Student Council President: John Hammond

1st Row, Seated: Fred Schott, Jim Reidenbach, Steve Edwards, John Krueckeberg, Jay Gould.
2nd Row: Barbara McBride, Twanette Magley, Donna Kay Small, Dana Dalzell, Janice Hall, Roger

Strickler, Richard Marbach, Jim Sheets.

3rd Row: Janice Auman, Kay Wynn, Betty Smith, Jim Baumgartner, John Hebble, Dave Eichenauer, Barbara Burke, Sherian Drake, Jane Wass, Roselyn Flora.





Raveling Editor and Asst. Editor Judy Locke Ronnie Robinson

The Ravelings Staff

Another school year has come to a close and again, D.H.S. has seen many outstanding events —educationally, socially, and athletically. Many of our happiest times have been enjoyed during our school year, and the staff and I, with the aid of our advisors, have compiled in this book the outstanding events, in picture and story. We hope that you have as much enjoyment reading it as we have had in making it.

> Ron Robinson Editor

Seated: Carol Roop, Art Editor; Ruth Weigmann, Copy Editor; Colleen Marbach, Copy Editor; Joyce Embler, Adv't. Editor; Dana Dalzell, Photography Editor; Belva Miller, Copy Editor; David Uhrick, Adv't. Editor; Roger Eley, Boy's Sports Editor; Jackie Reidenbach, Girl's Sports Editor; Anita Smith, Snapshots Editor.

Standing: Judy Keller, Ass't. Adv't. Editor; Carolyn Aumann, Ass't. Photography Editor; Judy Franz, Ass't. Art Editor; Dan Krueckeberg, Ass't. Boy's Sports Editor; Bill Zwick, Ass't Adv't. Editor; Beverly Poling, Ass't Girl's Sports; Janet Lane, Ass't. Snapshots Editor.



Color Wheel

The Color Wheel Club, an organization for those interested in Art, has again had a busy year. To start the year, the officers were elected. They are Jerry Bair, president; Bill Roth, vice-president; and Deanna Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

With Christmas the projects began. Props were made for the Christmas program, and the north windows in the Sixth Grade Room and the Study Hall were decorated with beautiful Christmas scenes.

The celebration of the year was a Valentine's party held in the respective Art classes.

For the operetta, "Harmony Hall," the background, props, and other stage decorations, were made by the Color Wheel Club.

Along with numerous outside projects, the club took up such class room work as painting and firing copper and making, painting and firing ceramics.



President, Jerry Bair; vice-president, Bill Roth; secretary-treasurer, Deanne Johnson.

First Row, Seated: Tom Rambo, Jerry Keller, Harold Van Horn, Max Hilyard, Doyle Egly, Don Moser.

Second Row, Seated: Janet Courtney, Judy Frantz, Carol Roop, Georgeanne McBride, Barbara McBride, Sondra May, Deanne Johnson, Sylvia Mazelin, Myra Black, Nancy Cole.
Third Row, Standing: Dan Shackley, Max Myers, Wayne Brunner, Bob Keller, Roger Hawkins, Jerry Bair, Dan Cowans, Bill Roth, Ervin Myers.



Helen Haubold—Director

Choir

This year, fifty-eight members of the choir of D.H.S. elected as their officers, David Embler, president; Ralph Thomas, vice-president; Sheila Ahr, secretary; and Janet Lane, treasurer.

Under the capable direction of Miss Helen Haubold, assisted by Jane Rentz, our talented accompanist, the choir presented a variety of programs throughout the year.

In November the school held its annual Open House, at which time the choir made its first public appearance. In December we provided appropriate music for the annual Christmas program, and in January we sang at the Methodist Church during Spiritual Emphasis Week. Our spring re-

vue, entitled, "Harmony Hall," presented March 31 and April 1, was a tremendous success and we enjoyed giving it.

Our next special events was the "Sock Hop," which was sponsored by the choir. The Gym was appropriately decorated and the music was furnished by Ron Robinson and his band.

Our last public appearances will be for Baccalaureate and Commencement, and as we begin practicing our song for them, the seniors recall all their choir experiences and hope that all the underclassmen will have the same wonderful memories of their years as members of the Choir of D.H.S.



First Row: Linda Pollock, Sharon Kreischer, Janet Lane, Beverly Poling, Judy Locke, Sheila Ahr, Jackie Reidenbach, Joyce Embler, Dorcas Thieme, Gwen, Hilyard, Greta Erekson, Dana Dalzell.
Second Row: Anita Smith, Jeannine Schultz, Joyce Callow, Mara Dee Striker, Jeanette Hahnert, Gladys Ewell, Kay Johnson, Leah Brandyberry, Judy Keller, Ruth Wiegmann, Mary Rentz, Georgeanna McBride, Luanne Lehman, June Edwards, Sara Frank.

Third Row: Doyle Egley, David Ellsworth, Ralph Thomas, Roger Daniels, David Runyon, David Uhrick, Roger Eichenauer, Wayne Brunner, Robert Ochsenrider, Belva Miller, Roger Eley, Rosemary Strahm.
Fourth Row: Jane Rentz, Sara Gerber, Earl Sprague, Robert Sprague, Jerry Keller, Charles Judt, David Embler, Don Duff, Ron Robinson, Carolyn

Aumann.

Choir Officers

President, David Embler: vice-president, Ralph Thomas; secretary, Sheila Ahr; treasurer, Janet Lane.

Girl's Double Trio

Sheila Ahr, Anita Smith, Jane Rentz, Dana Dalzell, Dorcas Thieme, Greta Erekson

Boy's Quartet

Robert Sprague, Ralph Thomas, Roger Eley, David Embler Accompanist, Jane Rentz







Clint Reed, Director

Percussion

Seated, 1st Row: Marjorie Goelz, Mary Ellen Longerbone, Gretchen Lankenau, Bob Ochsenrider, Joe Smith.
Standing, 2nd Row: Kay Wynn, John Paul McAhren, Donna Small, Peter Dalzell, Cathy Cole, Ronnie Highland.



Band and Orchestra

The D.H.S. band ushered in another year of musical entertainment by playing at all the home football games during the season. Between halves, the three twirlers-Jackie Reidenbach, Marlene Thieme, and Shirley Wass-added to the evening's event by twirling their colorful fire batons. The band, under the capable direction of Mr. Clint Reed, played a number of popular songs which were well received by all the fans.

The Bluffton Street Fair afforded us the first occasion for marching. During the afternoon the orchestra gave a very fine program, playing many popular tunes as well as classical compositions.

Again the band added color and entertainment to the athletic contests, by playing for all the home basketball games. On several

occasions the three twirlers performed, to the delight of the fans,

by spinning their illuminated batons.

The first formal program was given by the orchestra at the Veteran's Hospital in Fort Wayne. One of the highlights of the year for the band was the ordering of new uniforms to replace the old ones. During the school year a band booster fund was established and a very generous community backed it with their donations. The uniforms will be a "new look" for the band of next year; they are very colorful with their gold and purple trimming.

show on April 29. With the guest musicians and new musicals the The last formal program given by the orchestra was the spring show was one of the best ever given.

Best of luck to the band and orchestra of next year!



Reed Instruments

Left to Right, 1st Row: Sheila Ahr, Judy Stauffer, Dana Dalzell, Ann Kocher, Mary Kocher, Judy Broadbeck.
2nd Row: Connie Baxter, Anita Smith, Barbara Kalver, Gloria Wall, Janalee

Smith.

3rd Row: Jane Rentz, Jerry Kaehr, Marilyn Foor, Karen Jefferies, Roger Harris, Herb Banning, Julia Ellsworth.

4th Row: Mary Sharp Mary Heller, Dianna Hill, Karen Zimmerman, Carol Durban.

Brass Instruments

Left to Right, 1st Row: Cheryl Ashbaucher, Judy Smith, Madge Scheiderer, Ann Uhrick, Harold Sommer, Mike Kaehr, Bob Theobold.

2nd Row: David Uhrick, John Hebble, Steve Knodle, Larry Macklin, Jim

Gay, Ronnie August.
3rd Row: Bill Jacobs, Ronnie Feller, Jack Dailey, Clayton Strickler.
4th Row: Ralph Thomas, Stanley Alger, Judy Lane, Brenda Sommers, Sharon Sprunger.

Majorettes—Left to Right: Marlene Thieme, Jackie Reidenbach, Shirley Wass.





President, Louise Wass; vice-president, Marlene Thieme; secretary, Sherian Drake; treasurer, Beverly Thieme

F. H. A.

One of our first projects was the election of our officers. They are as follows: president, Louise Wass; vice president, Marlene Thieme; secretary, Sherian Drake; treasurer, Beverly Thieme; historian, Pat Byrd; parliamentarian, Shirley Garner; editor, Shirley Wass; song leader, Mildred Grote; pianist, Sara Frank; and assistant pianist, Gladys Ewell.

Installation of officers was also a highlight in our activities. We entered a float in the annual Halloween Parade with the theme of Homemakers of Tomorrow. In the beginning of the year we had a cookie sale as a money making project. Members worked in the school canteen. Representatives of our club attended two district meetings, one at Fremont and the other at Hagerstown.

Our plans for the remaining part of the year consist of a skating party and a two-day trip to Cleveland for our junior and senior members.

Row 1, seated: Rita Runyon, Alice Krueckeberg, Donna Small, Marlene Thieme, Shirley Wass, Donna Venis, Helen Roth, Marlene Dellinger, Marilyn Foor, Donna Miller, Louise Wass, Shirley Garner. Row 2, seated: Mary Lou Gaunt, Sharon DeBolt, Virginia Miller, Sherian Drake, Jean Wass, Jane Wass,

Phyllis Byrd, Sharon Idlewine, Helen Irwin, Judy Carpenter, Nancy Fisher.

Row 3, standing: Judy Dedolph, Kay DeBolt, Lorna Smith, Marjorie Wolfe, Gladys Ewell, Lulubelle Swygert, Linda Norris, Karen Allison, Judy Gephart, Beverly Singer, Sandra Reynolds, Jean Nunn, Jewel Sudduth, Barbara Heller, Helen Bollinger, Connie Douglas.

Row 4, standing: Myra Black, Rosemary Strahm, Agnes Barlett, Sharon Baker, Sara Frank, Mildred Grote, Carol Roop, Joyce Irwin, Sharon Gray, Jane Grimm, Alicia Levy, Elaine Evans, Janet McKean, Karel

Thieme, Joyce Smitley.



F. F. A.

Some of our activities worthy of mentioning date back to last summer (1954) after winning the County Livestock and Crops Judging Contests in April. Those respective teams competed in the District Contest where the Crops boys won the right to advance to the state finals at Purdue. It was there in June 1954, that the Crops team placed second in the state, losing out by a mere 5 points out of a possible 2400. Members of this team were: Lisle Knittle, Jim Holt, Gerald Grote, and Marvin Grote.

After school started, new officers were elected as follows: president, Gerald Grote; vice president, Richard Marbach; secretary, Carl Lehrman; treasurer, Stanley Allison; reporter, Jim Holt; sentinel, Chalmer Rein-

The Chapter has engaged in several moneymaking activities during the past months. The most successful ventures were the selling of fire extinguishers and collecting scrap metal and papers. In addition we sold subscriptions to the Farm Quarterly magazine. We also have the subdealership for Pioneer Seed Corn.

Our entries in the coming District public speaking and essay contest are Richard Marbach and Ronnie Vetter respectively. Last year our representative won the speech contest, and naturally we hope for a winner again this time.

We are in the process now of planning our annual Father and Son banquet. We are also looking forward to competition in judging contests again this spring.



President, Gerold Grote; vice-president, Richard Marbach; secretary, Carl Lehrman; treasurer, Stanley Allison; reporter, Jim Holt; sentinel, Chalmer Reinking.

Row One, Seated: Richard Marbach, LeRoy Martin, Stanley Allison, Chalmer Reinking, Arlen Fuelling. Row Two, Standing: Larady Brown, Carl Lehrman, Larry Worden, Ronnie Vetter, Rex Werst, Jim Holt, Gerald Grote, Ivan Roth, Jr.





1st Row, Seated: Joyce Embler, Marilyn Braun, Colleen Marbach, Ruth Wiegmann, Dorcas Thieme.
2nd Row: Ted Shrock, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Paul Rolston, Bill Baumann, Charles Judt, Dan Krueckeberg, Bill Zwick, Harold Sommer, Alan Bogner, David Ellsworth.
3rd Row: Carol Roop, Connie Strickler, June Edwards, Shirley Garner, Louise Wass, Janice Hall, Jo Clark, Belva Miller, Nola Isch, Arlene Myers, Kay Johnson, Jackie Reidenbach.

Commercial Club

The Commercial Club is an organization formed for the purpose of promoting and fostering interest in commercial work.

The club, made up of Junior and Senior typing and shorthand students, was started many years ago and has grown to include many activities in its program.

Our first activity of the year was to elect the following officers: Dorcas Thieme, president; Janice Hall, vice-president; Ruth Wiegman, secretary, and Louise Wass, treasurer.

Our biggest and finest achievement of the year was the production and sale of the Gab Fest. Through the efforts of many of the high school students, the Senior typing class and our able supervisor, Mr. Hetrick, we believe we have the best edition yet.

We wish the Commercial Club of 1956 much success, and we hope they have as much fun next year as we did this year.



Dorcas Thieme, president; Ruth Wiegmann, treasurer; Louise Wass, secretary; Janice Hall, vice-president.



1st Row, Seated: Sara Frank, Donna Venis, Joyce Sudduth, Lorna Smith, Georgeanna McBride, Betty Knavel, Marilyn Foor, Mara Dee Striker, Leah Brandyberry, Barbara Heller, Rosemary Strahm.

2nd Row: Dan Shackley, Mildred Grote, Sharon Baker, Judy Franz, Shirley Wass, Marlene Thieme, Nancy Cole, Carolyn Aumann, Beverly Poling, Marlene Dellinger, Helen Roth, Janet Courtney, Deanna Labrara, Maria Black. Johnson, Myra Black.

3rd Row: Jim Bowman, Bob Rowley, Max Myers, Dick Raver, Mary Rentz, Dorcas Suman, Ruth Ann Girod, Joyce Callow, Linda Pollock, Janet Lane, Gladys Ewell, Jeanine Schultz, Sharon Kreischer, Judy Keller, Luanne Lehman, Mary Jane Smith, Judy Locke.

Gabfest Staff

Seated, First Row: Colleen Marbach, Joyce Embler, June Edwards. Standing: Joan Clark, Belva Miller, Ruth Wiegmann, Arlene Myers, Connie Strickler, Jackie Reidenbach, Nola Isch, Janice Hall, Dorcas Thieme, Shirley Garner, Louise Wass.



ACTIVITIES

Speech Activities

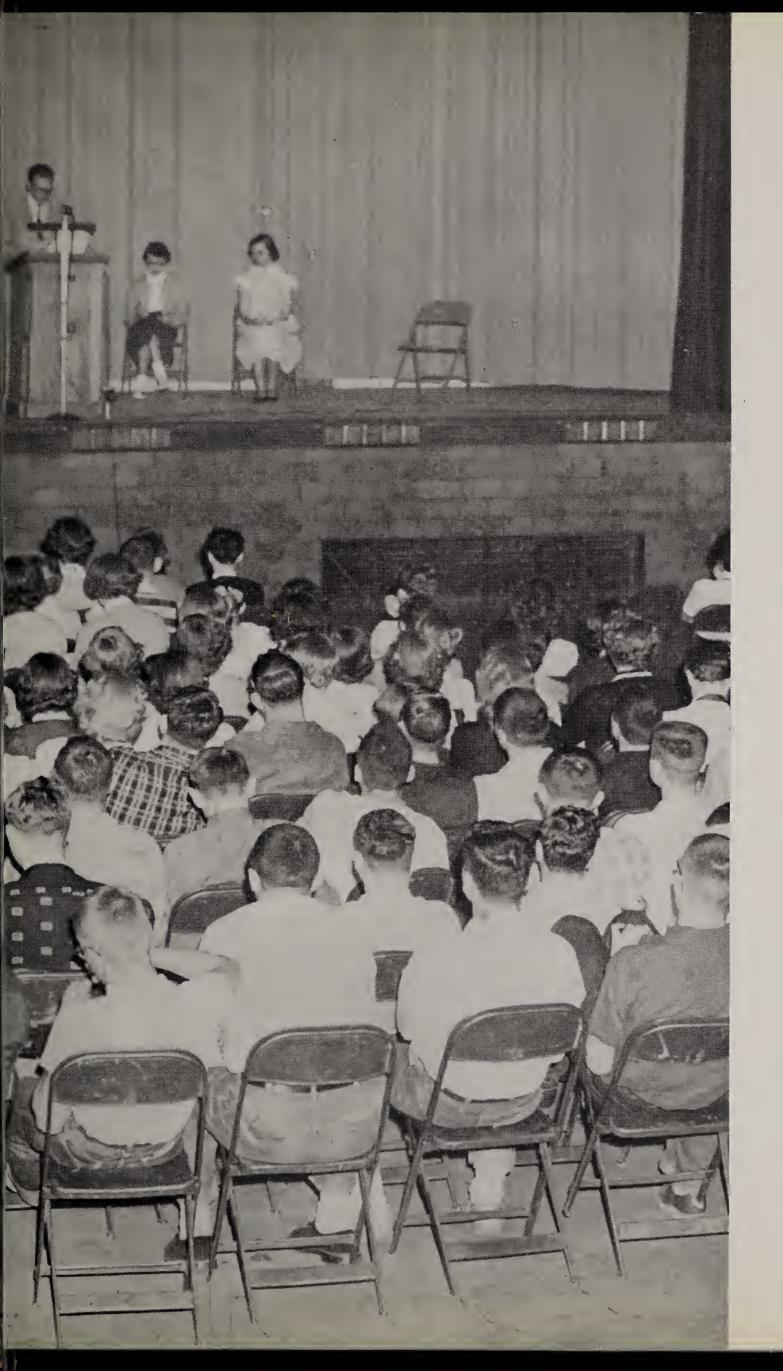
Jr.-Sr. Reception

Christmas Program

Operetta

Assembly Programs









Upper picture group—Standing: Deane Dorwin, instructor; Jerry Rhodes, Ron Robinson, Bob Ochsenrider, Roger Eichenauer, Jerry Bair, Max Hilyard, Roger Daniels, Earl Sprague.

Seated: Nola Isch, Dana Dalzell, Jeanette Hahnert, Bev Poling, Carolyn Aumann, Gwen Hilyard, Judy Locke, Luanne Lehman, Leah Brandyberry, Greta Erekson, Jane Rentz, Joyce Callow.

Lower Left: Joyce Callow.

Lower Right: Joyce Callow, Audrey Grandstaff, Linnett Sprunger, Edward Jaberg.

Speech

The Speech Class this year has been kept busy from the very first. "Human Freedom" was the topic for the Rotary contest in which Joyce Callow won first place. Judy Locke was chairman of the program; the other contestants were Beverly Poling, Dana Dalzell, Ron Robinson, Earl Sprague, Jerry Rhodes, and Bob Ochsenrider. Joyce also took second place in the district contest in Fort Wayne.

The first Jr. Town Meeting was held at Napoleon, Ohio, with Gwen Hilyard and Ron Robinson as the speakers. The topic was "Should participation in at least one extracurricular activity be made a requirement?"

On January 31, the school elimination was held for the annual Legion Oratorical Con-

test. Joyce Callow again took first place, and Ron Robinson was selected as alternate. Other contestants were Judy Locke, Jane Rentz, Greta Erekson, and Gwen Hilyard. Luanne Lehman acted as chairman. In the county contest, also held at Decatur, Joyce represented Decatur by taking second place.

represented Decatur by taking second place. The second Jr. Town Meeting was held at Decatur with all Decatur students participating due to unavoidable circumstances which made it impossible for the guest speakers from LaPorte High School to get here. The topic was "Should boys as well as girls be baby sitters?" and acting as student moderator was Roger Eichenauer. The speakers were Dana Dalzell and Judy Locke for the affirmative, and Jerry Bair and Ron Robinson for the negative.



Jr.-Sr. Reception

Upper: The moon through Hawaiian palms.

Gangplank to pleasure.

Center—Even Hawaiian Servers.

Lower—Sponsor and officers among the palms. The Grand March.









Christmas Program

The candle light processional of the Christmas program led the choir this year to seats on the "just arrived" new risers. The choir then sang the Christmas Cantata "Childe Jesus." As the Cantata was sung, the Christmas story appeared in pantomime on stage with the appearance of the star to a group of Israelites; Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary; the shepherds in the field; the dimly lighted stable; and the adoration of the Childe Jesus in the manger scene finale.



The big spring production this year was the operetta "Harmony Hall." General Earnest Work, having made a fortune by the manufacture of musical toys, retires from business to devote his life to music. He endows a college on condition that every student shall study music, learning either to sing or play a musical instrument. Even the servants must indulge themselves in music. The chauffeur is a terrible chauffeur, but oh! what a piccolo player!

Operetta "Harmony Hall"





Assembly Programs

Top Row, Left to Right: Gypsy Duet, Black Magic, Humanette.



Middle Row: Jo, Barbara and Louise as ladies of India, We hear from Purdue, Spiritual Emphasis Week Echoes.



Bottom Row: Expert Violinist, Ball State speaks, The State Police give us a call.

SPORTS

Football
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Girl's Athletics
Golf

Jr. High Basketball









Football Coaches

Hubert Zerkel Robert Worthman Jerry Leitz

Football

Robert Worthman's call for football practice. They formed the nucleus of the "54" team. They were Allison, Bair, Baker, Halterman, Hancher, Hilyard, McDougal, Nei-On August 17, 1954, sixty-three boys, including 12 letter men, answered Coach

reiter, Rhodes, and Shaffer, seniors; Roth and Strickler, juniors.

the season the Yellow Jackets came through with a 7-6 victory over Portland. The The Jackets, getting off to a bad start, dropped their first four games—Auburn 0-41; New Haven 0-38; Hartford City 0-33; and Garrett 6-20. In their fifth game of Jackets closed out the season with loses to Fort Wayne Concordia 7-27; Bluffton 7-32; Fort Wayne Central 6-37; and Columbia City 0-34.

Although the Jackets won only one game as opposed to losing 9 this season, it must be noted that this record compares favorably with the schedule that the Jack-

ets meet each year.

fer, Seniors; Rogh, Štrickler, DeBolt, Murphy, Martin, Meyers, Hebble, Osterloh, and Krueckeberg, Juniors; and Agler, Kelley, Baxter, Dorwin, Schott, Sophomores. The football squad wishes the "55" Yellow Jacket Football Team, "Good Luck." Jerry Bair made the All-Conference first team. Roger Strickler and Phil Baker made the second team, and Bill Roth received honorable mention. Twentysix varsity letters were awarded to the following boys: Allison, Bair, Baker, Halterman, Hancher, Hilyard, McDougal, Meyers, Neireiter, Rhodes, Ralston, and Shaf-



Varsity Football Team

Kneeling: Tony Kelly, Jon Corey, Jim Osterloh, Terry Murphy, Roger Strickler, Bill Roth, Phil DeBolt, Dan Krueckeberg, Dewayne Agler, LeRoy Martin, Gene Baxter, John Dorwin, Max Myers.

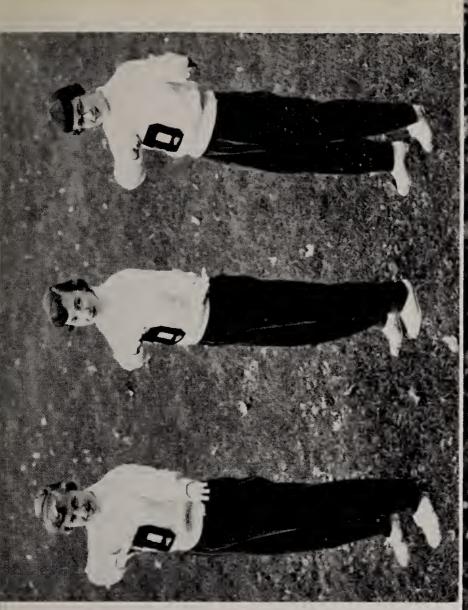
Second Row, Standing: Ervin Myers, Harlan Shaffer, Jerry Rhodes, Stanley Allison, Jerry Bair, Bill Hancher, John Neireiter, Max Hilyard, Dave Halterman, Phil Baker, Paul Rolston, Fred McDougal, Doyle Egly.

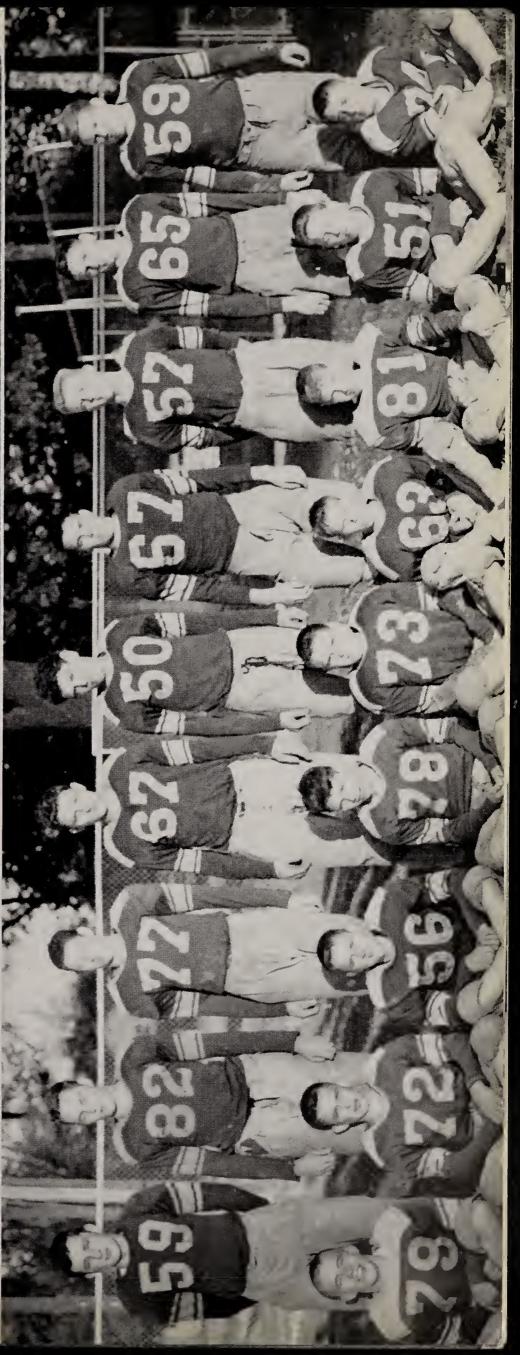
Football Cheerleaders

Luanne Lehman Judy Keller Judy Locke

Reserve Football Team

Sitting: Larry Moses, Larry Klenk, Jay Gould, Ted Schrock, Fred Schott,
Jerry Fell, John Sheets, Jack Macklin, Gary Sheets.
Second Row, Standing: Fred Locke, John Hebble, Ed Bean, Raymond Ballard,
Jim Hullinger, Bob Banks, Ted Hutker, Harry Hebble, John Isch.



















Top Row: John Nei-reiter, Jim Osterloh, Paul Ralston, Roger Strickler. Bottom Row: Jerry Bair, Harlan Shaf-fer, Jerry Rhodes.



Football Team

Top Row: Phil Baker, Stanley Allison, Dewayne Agler, Jon Corey.

Middle Row: Dan Krueckeberg, Fred McDougal, LeRoy Martin, Terry Murphy.

Bottom Row: Phil DeBolt, Dave Halterman, Bill Hancher, Max Hilyard.

Football Managers

Mike Beery Danny Cowans





Basketball 1954-55

Coach Bob Worthman had five returning lettermen on which to build the Yellow Jacket's basketball team this year. They were Halterman, Hancher, McDougal, Neireiter, and Vetter.

The team lost its opener to Geneva, 59-58, but spoiled Bluffton's opening game in their new gym by defeating them, 38-37.

In the third game of the season a strong Concordia team beat the Jackets in their first home game, 49-47. In the next game the

Jackets were defeated by Berne, 64-39. The Jackets then traveled to Fort Wayne to meet the Archers of South Side and were defeated, 55-36. In the last game before Christmas Columbia City defeated the Jackets, 54-45. In the Holiday Tourney at Fort Wayne, the Jackets lost their game in the first round to Central Catholic, 53-40, and then they were defeated by Elmhurst, 49-47, in the consolation game.

In the first game of 1955 the Jackets lost to













Basketball Coaches

Floyd Reed, Robert Worthman, Hubert Zerkel

Basketball Team

Top Row: Ron Vetter, Dave Halterman, Larry Moses, Rex Werst, Roger Strickler, Bill Hancher.

2nd Row: Terry Murphy, John Neireiter, Fred Mc-Dougal, Tony Kelly, Gene Baxter, Bob Banks

Fort Wayne Central Catholic, this time by a 70-54 score. The Jackets broke into the win column by defeating Elmhurst, 65-55. This win avenged an earlier defeat by Elmhurst.

The Jackets next defeated Huntington by a score of 59-55. The Jackets traveled to Auburn and were defeated, 60-61, but a strong Auburn team really had to work for this victory.

The Jackets made the Van Wert, Ohio, team their next victim. They defeated the Cougars, 53-35.

The Kendallville Comets fell before the Yellow Jackets, 52-50. This win proved to be the Jackets' first and only victory in N.E.I.C. competition.

The Jackets then lost three in a row: to Bluffton, 47-33; to Angola 60-61; and to New Haven, 68-50.

The Portland Panther team was the next victim to be stung by the Jackets. The Jackets won by a 59-50 score.

The Yellow Jackets closed the regular

season with losses to Central, 81-64, and to Garrett, 65-59.

The Jackets lost their first Sectional tilt to the eventual champions, Monmouth, by a 61-57 score.

Ron Vetter was chosen for the All-Conference second team, and Fred McDougal was given Honorable Mention.

John Neireiter and Ron Vetter were elected Co-Captains of the 1955 Yellow Jackets basketball team. Those receiving letters were Halterman, Hancher, McDougal, Neireiter, Vetter, seniors; Strickler and Murphy, juniors; Baxter and Kelly, sophomores.



Varsity

Kneeling: Gene Baxter, Bob Banks, Larry Moses.

Standing: Fred McDougal, Ron Vetter, Dave Halterman, Terry Murphy, John Neireiter, Bill Hancher, Tony Kelly, Rex Werst, Roger Strickler.

Reserves

Kneeling: Dewayne Agler, Jay Gould.

Standing: Jerry Rumple, Paul Schmidt, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Jim Hullinger, John Dorwin, Larry Hutker, Ted Schrock.







Basketball Student Managers: Ralph Thomas; Mike Beery, Phil DeBolt.

Varsity Cheerleaders: Joyce Franklin, Greta Erekson, Jo Clark.

Second Team Cheerleaders: Kneeling, Emily Swearingen. Standing: Barbara Suttles, Susan Heller, Rosie Conrad.









Baseball Coach—Deane Dorwin.

Baseball

Spring is here and thirty-one candidates have reported to Coach Dean T. Dorwin in hopes of making the 1955 baseball squad. In this group of hopefuls there are seven lettermen: Fred McDougal, Bill Hancher, Paul Rolston, Harlen Shaffer, and John Neireiter, seniors; Joe Wolfe and Jim Bowman, juniors.

The Jackets have played thus far this season five games, winning one and losing four. They defeated Kendallville, and lost to Bluffton, New Haven, and a double header to Marion. The Yellow Jacket squad having most of the season yet to play hopes to come out in the winning column several more times this year.

Back Row, Left to Right: Jim Baumgartner, Max Meyers, Ty Ballard, Tony Kelly, John Neireiter, Bill Hancher, Stanley Kirkpatrick, John Heble, Rex Werst, and Tom Strickler.
Front Row, Left to Right: Phil McDonald, Joe Wolf, Jim Bowman, Walter Werst, Fred McDougal, Gene Baxter, Ted Schrock, Harlan Schaffer, and Phil Rambo.



Track

Among the 47 candidates that answered Coach Robert Worthman's call for the 1955 track season were 11 lettermen returning, around which Coach Worthman has built this year's squad. These lettermen are Dave Halterman, Phil Baker, Jerry Rhodes, Max Hilyard, Don Duff, and Doyle Egly, seniors; Bill Roth, Harold Sommer, Terry Murphy, Roger Strickler, and Dan Krueckeberg, juniors.

The Jacket "thinly-clads" have competed in seven meets this year, losing six and winning one. The Jackets chalked up their only win by defeating Monmouth. They lost to Central and Central Catholic of Fort Wayne in a triangular meet; to Pleasant Mills, to New Haven, to Columbia City and Bluffton in a triangular meet, to Bluffton and to Concordia of Fort Wayne.

The Jackets hope to come out with some more victories in their remaining meets. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

May 2, Portland; May 4, N.E.I.C. at Columbia City; May 5, Geneva; May 10, Marion Relays at Marion; and May 13, Sectional at Fort Wayne.



Managers

Tom Aurand, Charles Judt, John Isch, Mike Beery.

Back Row, Left to Right: Wayne Flora, Larry Moses, Jerry Rhodes, Terry Murphy, Doyle Egley, Max Hilyard, Harold Sommer, David Runyon, Jerry Bair, Dan Krueckeberg, Stanley Allison, Don Duff, and Mike Cole.

Middle Row, Left to Right: John Sheets, DeWayne Agler, John Dorwin, Bill Roth, Larry Worden, Jim Sheets, Ralph Thomas, Rock Strickler, James Hullinger, Edwin Bean, Ted Hutker, Bob Banks and Jon Corey.

Front Row, Left to Right: Bob Keller, Dennis Lobsiger, Jay Gould, Fred Schott, Don Peterson, Dave Eichenauer, Dave Butcher, Fred Locke, Ivan Roth, Kenneth Hawkins, and Stanley Alger.







Second Team

Standing: Sue Petrie, Barbara Suttles, Connie Douglas, Sara Brunnegraff, Kathie Cole, Carolyn Frauhiger.

Kneeling: Linda Gamsby, Lucille Knittle, Twanette Magley, Marilyn Jefferies.

Varsity Team

Standing: Sarah Frank, Joyce Sudduth, Mildred Grote, Dana Dalzell, Sheila Ahr, Joan Clark. Front Row: Shirley Wass, Marlene Thieme, Jackie Reidenbach, Barbara McBride.

Girl's Athletics

Rebecca Walters Worthman Physical Director

Here we are once again, turning the page of sports to the Girl's Section.

This year has been a very full one. Instead of our usual basketball tourney that was accepted from year to year, we decided to organize a volley ball team to play different schools in the county. So far we have played one school, which was Adams Central, and beat them two games out of three. The team consists of Joan Clark, Barbara McBride, Sheila Ahr, Dana Dalzell, Sarah Frank, Joyce Sudduth, Mildred Grote, Shirley Wass, Marlene Thieme and Jacquelyn Reidenbach.

Some of the activities in which we participated during the year in Phys. Ed. Class were kick ball, deck tennis, volley ball, basketball, relay races, and last but far from least, calisthenics.

After the weather is permissible, we will hold our gym class on the Lincoln School playground in interesting games of softball. We will try to get in a little archery also.



Standing, Left to Right: Roger Eley, John Hammond, Bill Zwick, and Paul Schmidt.

Seated: Ronnie Hesher.

Golf

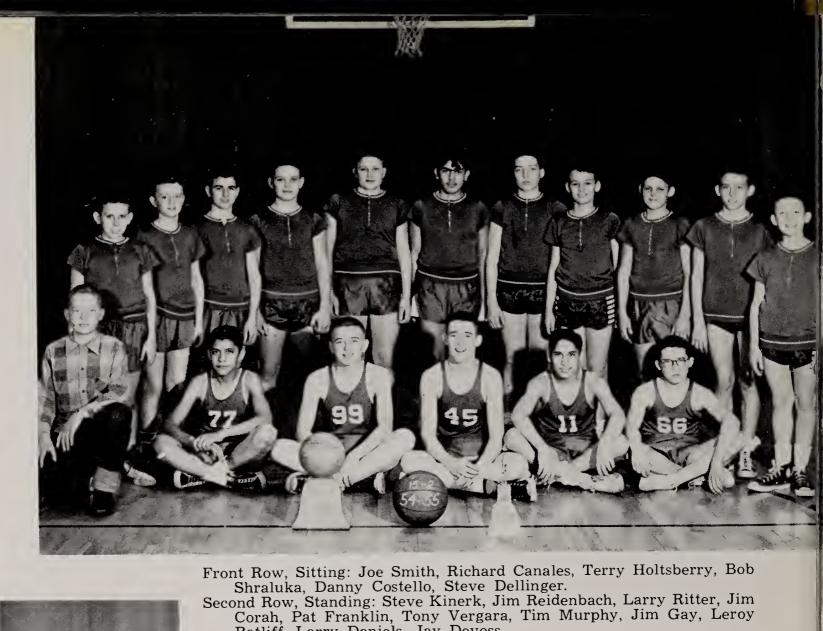
This year golf has been officially sanctioned as a varsity sport on the D.H.S. athletic program. The Links Team, coached by Harry Dailey, consists of John Hammond, Roger Eley, Bill Zwick, Ronnie Hesher and Paul Schmidt.

The first match was played at Marion where the Jacket team lost by a score of 4-0. The next two matches, played on the Decatur course, proved successful for the locals as they won over Fort Wayne Central, 7-1, and Fort Wayne Concordia, 8-2. Several more matches have been scheduled with other schools.

The Yellow Jackets plan to compete in the Northeastern Indiana Conference meet at Kendallville and the Sectional meet at Brookwood in Fort Wayne.



Harry Dailey-Coach





George Stallings—Coach

We		The
54	Portland	24
51	Bluffton	14
32	Kendallville	24
46	St. Joe	27
42	Berne	15
40	New Haven	32
28	Hartford Twp.	41
41	Auburn	37

Ratliff, Larry Daniels, Jay Devoss. Junior High

The Decatur Junior High, under their new Coach George Stallings, ended the season with a record of 14 wins and 2 losses, one of the best seasons in recent years. They won back the City Series trophy by defeating St. Joe in two successive games, 46 to 27, and 38 to 29. In the Junior High Tourney at Bluffton again Decatur Junior High came home with the trophy, defeating Winchester, 42-21, and in the final game defeating Bluffton, 48 to 17. Coach George Stallings will have several players, Jim Gay, Jim Reidenbach, Steve Kennerk, Jay DeVoss and Steve Butcher, returning to form the nucleus of next year's team.

We	They			
42	Winchester	21		
Tourney at Bluffton				
48	Bluffton	17	(Final)	
38	St. Joe	29		
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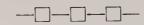
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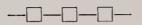
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